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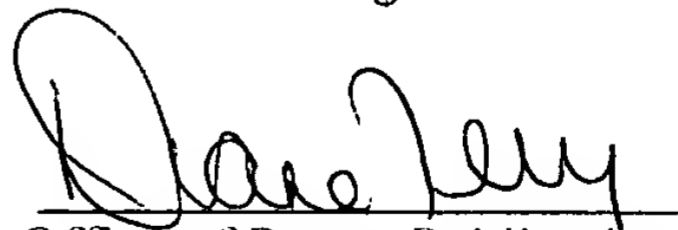
A review of the Office records reveals that the above-identified application was mistakenly indicated as having been issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,527,467 on MARCH 04, 2003. While the Office regrets the delay in informing you about this problem, the purpose of this Notice is to notify you of the balance of issue fee due.

The issue fee payment filed on 01/08/03 has been received. However, new patent fees went into effect on January 1, 2003. See the final rule, *Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2003*, 67 Fed. Reg. 70847 (November 27, 2002). As stated in the final rule, "Any fee amount that is paid on or after the effective date of the fee increase will be subject to the new fees then in effect." The Notice of Allowance (Form PTOL-85) that was mailed prior to January 1, 2003, stated an issue fee amount that was in effect prior to January 1, 2003. However, in as much as the issue fee was paid on or after January 1, 2003, the new issue fee amount was due.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.317, applicant is given a time period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice during which to pay the **BALANCE DUE** indicated below. This three-month time period may not be extended. **IF THE BALANCE DUE IS NOT PAID BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD, THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED PATENT WILL LAPSE AT THE TERMINATION OF THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD.**

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